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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

ADACHI, Kenji, et al.

Group Art Unit: 1795

Serial No.: 10/516,296

Examiner: LEE, Cynthia K.

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For: **ROOM-TEMPERATURE MOLTEN SALT, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
THE SAME AND APPLICATIONS THEREOF**

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: June 23, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **May 23, 2008**.

In the Action, restriction is required among: Group (I) claims 1-14, drawn to molten salt; Group (II) claims 15-19, drawn to a process of making molten salt; Group (III) claims 20, 23, 24, drawn to a solution comprising molten salt; Group (IV) claims 21, 22, drawn a battery; Group (V) claims 25, 26, drawn to a capacitor; Group (VI) claim 27, drawn to a solar cell; or Group (VII) claims 28 and 29, drawn to a fuel cell.

In addition to electing one of the above groups of claims, if Group (I), above is elected,, the applicant must also elect one of the following species, as set forth on page 3 of the outstanding Action:

(I-a) claims 6, 12, 13 – salts represented by formula V and VI;

(I-b) claim 10 – salts represented by formula V; or

(I-c) claim 11 – salts represented by formula VI.



Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-14.

The applicant further elects the species directed to species (I-a). The claims readable on the above-elected species are claims 6, 12 and 13.

This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340. In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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